

1949 and has worked to promote its humanitarian mission of improving lives and communities around the world. He has served in almost every capacity possible, including club president, district governor, and member of the Lions International Board of Directors. Since he first joined the Lions Club, he has shown tremendous leadership by recruiting a total of over 100 new members to the organization. He has also excelled in fundraising for the South Dakota Lions Foundation, having sold over 50,000 tickets to community fundraising events.

Schock has also contributed to the community of Sioux Falls through his involvement with the Chamber of Commerce, the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, Augustana College, the YMCA, the First Lutheran Church, Luther Manor health care, and The Banquet. He and his brother, Ozzie Schock, started the Shock Foundation, a non-profit organization that works to support local charitable organizations. Al Schock's selfless devotion and faithful service to others and to his community is truly commendable.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Al Schock for receiving this honor, and to thank him for all his years of service to South Dakota and our Nation.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1388. An act entitled "The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, an Act to reauthorize and reform the national service laws."

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 11:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1664. An act to amend the executive compensation provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to prohibit unreasonable and excessive compensation and compensation not based on performance standards.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 93. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess of adjournment of the Senate.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 841(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (P.L. 110-181), the Minority Leader appoints The Honorable Christopher Shays of Connecticut to the Commission on Wartime Contracting to fill the existing vacancy thereon.

At 5:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1256. An act to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees' Retirement System, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1256. An act to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1172. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Import/Export User Fees" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0144) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1173. A communication from the Acting Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Specialty Crop Block Grant Program—Farm Bill" (RIN0581-AC88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1174. A communication from the Acting Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Relaxation of Han-

dling Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0106)(FV09-925-1 IFR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1175. A communication from the Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for the Disposition of Cattle that Become Non-Ambulatory Disabled Following Ante-Mortem Inspection", received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1176. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's 2008 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1177. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Sablefish Managed Under the Individual Fishing Quota Program" (RIN0648-XN73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1178. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Groundfish Fishery; Amendment 15; Correction" (RIN0648-AW08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1179. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan" (RIN0648-AX44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1180. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Saugus River, Lynn, MA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2008-1026)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1181. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Underwater Object, Massachusetts Bay, MA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2008-1272)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1182. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Captain of the Port Zone Jacksonville; Offshore Cape Canaveral, Florida" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2008-0411)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1183. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department